## Amendments to the Specification

## IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is related to the following copending applications: (1) Serial No. 10/761 178 filed concurrently herewithJanuary 20, 2004, and titled "AUTOMATIC STOP/START CONTROLLER FOR ENGINE"—(Atty. Ref.: Saigoh C-305); (2) Serial No. 10/761 179 filed concurrently herewithJanuary 20, 2004, and titled "AUTOMATIC STOP/START CONTROLLER FOR ENGINE"—(Atty. Ref.: Saigoh C-306); and (3) Serial No. 10/761 176 filed concurrently herewithJanuary 20, 2004, and titled "AUTOMATIC STOP/START CONTROLLER FOR ENGINE"—(Atty. Ref.: Saigoh C-307), the entire disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.